

In the Claims:

1-21. (canceled)

22. A hydrophobic composition for use in controlling algae growth in water applications comprising charcoal and *Bacillus subtilis*, wherein the combination of charcoal and *Bacillus subtilis* result in the uniform and efficient distribution of the hydrophobic composition over the surface of and into the water application.

23. A method for controlling algae growth in water applications comprising the steps of:

introducing a hydrophobic composition comprising charcoal and *Bacillus subtilis* to the water application at a rate of about 0.5 g/m<sup>2</sup> to about 1.5 g/m<sup>2</sup>,

wherein the hydrophobic composition distributes the *Bacillus subtilis* efficiently and uniformly over the surface of and into the water application, and

wherein the hydrophobic composition controls the amount to algae in the water application.

24. A method for delivering microbes efficiently and uniformly to water applications comprising:

introducing the hydrophobic composition to the water application,  
wherein the hydrophobic composition comprises a hydrophobic carrier and a  
microbial agent, and

wherein said hydrophobic composition distributes the microbial  
agent efficiently and uniformly to the water application.

25-26. (canceled)